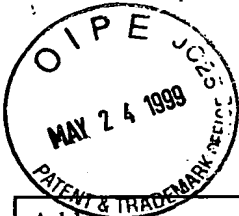


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## CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

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Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box CPA Washington, D.C. 20231	Atty. Docket No.: <u>PRE2519P0011</u> First Named Inventor: <u>James D. Hempelman</u> Express Mail Label No.: <u>EL307213093-88</u> Total Pages: <u>3 plus Petition for Extension of Time</u>
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or a ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53 (d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/859,995

### NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR §1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. §154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

**CIP NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR §1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR §1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. §122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application of applications in the file jacket.

**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. §120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request 37 CFR 1.78(a).

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application..
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
  - a. ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power or attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:  
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER ALLOWED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
Total Claims	8*	- 20 =	0	x \$18.00 =	\$
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$78.00 =	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+\$260.00 =	\$
				Basic Fee	\$760.00
				Total of above Calculations	\$
				Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	\$380.00
				TOTAL =	\$380.00

Claims 30 through 37 of parent application.

6. Small entity status:
- ☐ A small entity status is enclosed.
  - ☒ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
  - ☐ Is no longer claimed.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the following amounts associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1644:
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8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$435.00 is enclosed.
9. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carry over to this CPA **unless** a new number has been provided herein)
10. ☐ Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO O/SB/29A).  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, see MPEP 503).
11. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**

The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA **UNLESS** a new correspondence address is provided below.

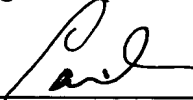
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13. Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Date: May 24, 1999

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I hereby certify that this Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal, and any other documents referred to as enclosed herein, are being deposited in an envelope with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below and addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, BOX CPA, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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